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Interviews: 1,010 adults
Dates: January 25-26,

48 Male
52 Female
[109]

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Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

1. All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>High</u> <u>2/91+</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>7/92+</u>	
Right direction.....	55	49	46	43	50	42	65	14	[138]
Wrong track.....	28	34	37	41	32	41	22	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	15	15	14	13	15	14	9	9	
Not sure.....	2	2	3	3	3	3	4	6	
	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>				
	46	54	49	47	55				
	40	33	38	38	31				
	11	10	10	12	12				
	3	3	3	3	2				

+ Asked only of registered voters

- 2a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing as president?

	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>High</u> <u>1/99</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>10/98</u>	<u>6/93</u>	
Approve.....	65	61	60	58	63	58	68	68	41	[139]
Disapprove.....	30	34	34	37	32	37	29	29	50	
Not sure.....	5	5	6	5	5	5	3	3	9	
	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>					
	58	66	68	65	68					
	36	31	29	31	29					
	6	3	3	4	3					

+ Asked only of registered voters

2b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>1/00*</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<div> <div>High</div> <div>Low</div> </div>			
Approve.....	74	71	70	66	73	71	<u>1/99</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>9/94</u>	[140]
Disapprove.....	18	23	22	27	20	21	78	40	40	
Not sure.....	8	6	8	7	7	8	17	51	51	
							5	9	9	
	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>					
	73	74	78	72	74					
	18	20	17	21	21					
	9	6	5	7	5					

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

2c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>1/00**</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<div> <div>High</div> <div>Low</div> </div>		
Approve.....	49	50	52	49	54	50	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/94</u>	[141]
Disapprove.....	35	39	39	41	37	41	70	32	
Not sure.....	16	11	9	10	9	9	26	60	
							4	8	
	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>				
	50	60	65	61	70				
	41	31	28	30	26				
	9	9	7	9	4				

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

3. I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and institutions, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
Bill Clinton							[142]
January 2000.....	23	29	14	12	21	1	
December 1999.....	20	29	15	14	22	-	
October 1999.....	20	30	14	13	23	-	
September 1999.....	20	26	14	13	27	-	
July 1999.....	23	27	14	14	22	-	
June 1999.....	19	25	12	15	28	1	
April 1999.....	23	23	14	13	26	1	
March 1999.....	23	25	14	11	27	-	
January 1999.....	27	24	12	11	25	1	
December 1998.....	25	26	13	10	26	-	
October 1998 +.....	25	26	10	12	26	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	33	31	15	9	7	5	
<i>Low</i>							
June 1999.....	19	25	12	15	28	1	
September 1998.....	18	22	17	14	29	-	
Al Gore							[143/152]
January 2000.....	16	29	21	16	16	2	
December 1999.....	12	26	25	19	16	2	
October 1999.....	12	27	25	18	16	2	
September 1999.....	10	22	28	19	17	4	
July 1999.....	13	27	26	16	15	3	
June 1999.....	15	23	27	16	15	4	
April 1999.....	11	24	30	14	17	4	
March 1999.....	16	23	29	16	14	2	
January 1999.....	17	24	29	15	12	3	
December 1998.....	17	25	27	13	15	3	
September 1998.....	16	25	32	12	13	2	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	23	32	22	9	6	8	
<i>Low</i>							
September 1999.....	10	22	28	19	17	4	
John McCain							[144/153]
January 2000.....	14	20	27	8	3	28	
December 1999.....	12	22	24	4	2	36	
October 1999.....	9	20	22	5	2	42	
April 1999.....	8	14	18	3	3	54	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

Q.3 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
Bill Bradley							[145/154]
January 2000.....	11	25	30	9	6	19	
December 1999.....	11	31	26	7	3	22	
October 1999.....	11	27	27	7	4	24	
September 1999.....	12	25	28	5	2	28	
July 1999.....	8	25	28	5	3	31	
April 1999.....	8	20	27	5	2	38	
March 1999.....	11	19	26	5	1	38	
September 1995.....	7	17	22	7	1	46	
George W. Bush							[146/155]
January 2000.....	22	30	22	13	9	4	
December 1999.....	19	31	21	16	10	3	
October 1999.....	21	32	21	12	11	3	
September 1999.....	18	32	22	12	10	6	
July 1999.....	22	31	26	9	6	6	
June 1999.....	23	27	25	9	8	8	
April 1999.....	23	32	25	8	6	6	
March 1999.....	25	26	28	5	5	11	
December 1998.....	25	28	27	5	4	11	
September 1997.....	9	19	32	9	6	25	
Pat Buchanan							[147]
January 2000 *.....	4	12	25	19	24	16	
December 1999.....	4	13	25	21	26	11	
October 1999.....	4	14	24	20	28	10	
August 1996.....	4	11	26	20	31	8	
March 1996.....	6	16	20	18	32	8	
January 1996.....	3	13	30	12	20	22	
December 1995.....	5	16	24	16	22	17	
February/March 1992.....	5	21	23	18	16	17	
January 1992.....	4	17	22	14	12	31	
December 1991.....	3	15	18	8	9	47	
Steve Forbes							[148]
January 2000 *.....	8	20	30	12	10	20	
December 1999.....	5	18	32	15	10	20	
July 1999.....	4	20	33	12	5	26	
March 1996.....	6	19	26	17	15	17	
January 1996.....	4	15	21	5	5	50	
December 1995.....	2	10	24	5	3	56	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Q.3 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
The Democratic Party							[149]
January 2000 *.....	20	30	23	15	10	2	
December 1999.....	17	29	24	16	12	2	
June 1999.....	16	29	25	13	15	2	
March 1999.....	21	25	24	14	15	1	
January 1999.....	18	27	27	16	10	2	
December 1998.....	18	28	25	16	11	2	
October 1998+.....	13	29	28	16	12	2	
September 1998.....	15	25	33	17	9	1	
April 1998.....	15	27	29	15	12	2	
January 1998.....	13	30	30	16	9	2	
September 1997.....	13	28	28	18	11	2	
<i>High</i>							
October 20-21, 1992+.....	19	29	22	15	12	3	
<i>Low</i>							
December 1994.....	10	23	25	24	16	2	
Former President Bush							[150]
January 2000 *.....	23	36	20	12	8	1	
June 1999.....	30	31	20	11	6	2	
June 1995.....	17	38	22	13	10	-	
January 1993.....	21	31	20	14	13	1	
December 1992.....	18	28	18	19	15	2	
November 1992+.....	20	21	11	17	29	2	
October 1992+.....	14	20	14	22	30	-	
September 1992+.....	15	25	15	19	25	1	
August 1992+.....	11	25	13	21	29	1	
July 1992+.....	9	26	18	23	23	1	
May 1992+.....	12	28	17	21	21	1	
Nancy Reagan							[151]
January 2000 *.....	25	28	30	7	7	3	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

Q.3 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
Hillary Rodham Clinton							[156]
January 2000 **.....	21	23	18	13	24	1	
December 1999.....	19	22	17	13	28	1	
October 1999.....	21	24	13	16	25	1	
September 1999.....	20	22	16	14	26	2	
July 1999.....	25	23	18	12	20	2	
June 1999	25	22	17	13	22	1	
April 1999.....	30	19	17	12	20	2	
March 1999.....	35	19	16	11	18	1	
January 1999.....	35	23	16	11	14	1	
December 1998.....	33	21	17	11	17	1	
October 1998+.....	32	24	15	12	16	1	
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<i>High</i>							
January 1999.....	35	23	16	11	14	1	
<i>Low</i>							
May 1996 +.....	14	20	19	17	27	3	
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The Republican Party							[157]
January 2000 *.....	13	29	27	16	14	1	
December 1999.....	12	29	23	18	15	3	
June 1999.....	11	26	27	18	15	3	
March 1999.....	11	22	23	19	23	2	
January 1999.....	13	23	20	18	24	2	
December 1998.....	10	23	26	21	18	2	
October 1998+.....	13	24	22	21	19	1	
September 1998.....	14	27	29	15	14	1	
April 1998.....	10	27	30	18	13	2	
January 1998.....	9	29	30	18	12	2	
September 1997.....	11	25	29	20	13	2	
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<i>High</i>							
January 1995.....	17	33	25	13	9	3	
<i>Low</i>							
March 1999.....	11	22	23	19	23	2	
January 1999.....	13	23	20	18	24	2	
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Barbara Bush							[158]
January 2000 **.....	38	31	22	4	2	3	
September 1992.....	32	33	21	7	4	3	
August 1992.....	31	32	20	8	7	2	
February/March 1992.....	40	30	16	6	6	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A)
 ** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
 + Asked only of registered voters.

Q.3 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
Ronald Reagan							[159]
January 2000 **.....	37	27	17	9	9	1	
September 1999.....	31	29	17	11	11	1	
April 1992.....	14	23	16	17	29	1	
May 1991.....	16	22	19	17	23	3	
October 1990.....	16	25	16	17	23	3	
March 1990.....	21	26	16	14	22	1	
November 1989.....	19	28	17	13	21	2	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

4a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	<u>1/00**</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>High 9/98</u>	<u>Low 10/90+</u>	
Approve.....	48	45	42	40	43	40	61	22	[160]
Disapprove.....	36	42	45	49	41	42	28	69	
Not sure.....	16	13	13	11	16	18	11	9	
	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>				
	49	41	50	44	48				
	38	45	40	42	39				
	13	14	10	14	13				

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

4b. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans are doing as the majority party in Congress?

	<u>1/00*</u>	<u>12/99</u>	
Approve.....	42	47	[161]
Disapprove.....	43	41	
Not sure.....	15	12	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

5. What is your preference for the outcome of the November 2000 congressional elections¹--a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	
Republican-controlled Congress. .	39	40	39	39	42	41	37	41	[162]
Democrat-controlled Congress.....	43	44	41	43	41	40	43	43	
Not sure ²	18	16	20	18	17	19	20	16	
		<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	
		40	41	39	37	41	40	41	
		39	40	40	41	37	42	37	
		21	19	21	22	22	18	22	
		<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94</u>		
		41	45	44	41	42	44		
		39	39	38	38	41	38		
		20	16	18	21	17	18		

¹ In October 1994, the question referred to the 1994 congressional elections; the 1995 and 1996 survey dates referred to the 1996 congressional elections; the 1997 and 1998 dates refer to the 1998 congressional elections.

² The volunteered responses "both equal," "neither in control," or "doesn't matter," were reported separately; for purposes of comparative they are combined with "not sure."

+ Asked only of registered voters.

6. Would you like to see Hillary Rodham Clinton elected to the U.S. Senate, or not?

	<u>1/00**</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	
Yes, would like to see HRC elected to the U.S. Senate.....	40	47	46	[163]
No, would not like to see HRC elected to the U.S. Senate.....	49	44	45	
Depends (VOL).....	5	3	3	
Not sure.....	6	6	6	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

7. In President Clinton's final year in office, do you think that he should focus his attention on one or two big issues, or do you think that there are a large number of problems that he should address? *

Should focus his attention on one or two big issues....	42	[164]
Should address a large number of problems.....	43	
Depends (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	10	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 8a. Now I'm going to read you a list of issues, and for each one please tell me whether you would prefer that President Clinton take the lead on that issue, or that the Republicans in Congress take the lead on that issue. *

	President Clinton Should Take The Lead	Republicans In Congress Should Take The Lead	Shared/ Equal Role (VOL)	Neither (VOL)	Not Sure	
The minimum wage.....	41	42	10	2	5	[165]
Gun control.....	35	42	11	6	6	[166]
Taxes.....	41	43	10	1	5	[167]
Medicare.....	46	36	10	2	6	[168]
Social Security.....	48	36	10	2	4	[169]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 8b. Now I'd like to read you a list of legislative priorities that Congress is working on this year. Please tell me which ONE you feel is the most important priority for Congress to pass. **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Adding prescription drug benefits to Medicare coverage.....	23	[170]
Passing tougher gun-control restrictions.....	16	
Passing laws to protect the privacy of consumers' health and financial records.....	16	
Cutting taxes.....	16	
Increasing the minimum wage.....	9	
Passing a patients' bill of rights.....	9	
All equally important (VOL).....	9	
None important (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	1	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 8c. Let me read you that same list of legislative priorities. If Congress had to put off ONE until next year, which one would you prefer that it put off? **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Passing tougher gun-control restrictions.....	33	[171]
Increasing the minimum wage.....	16	
Cutting taxes.....	16	
Passing laws to protect the privacy of consumers' health and financial records.....	13	
Adding prescription drug benefits to Medicare coverage.....	8	
Passing a patients' bill of rights.....	7	
All equally important (VOL).....	1	
None important (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	3	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

9. Now let me read you two candidates' approaches to expanding health care coverage, and please tell me which one you would prefer

Candidate A would use the biggest share of available money for government aid so that all poor and low-income Americans could get health insurance, and would use any remaining money to improve the condition of the Medicare program for the elderly.

OR

Candidate B would use the biggest share of available money to improve the condition of the Medicare program for the elderly, and would use any remaining money so that all poor and low-income Americans could get health insurance.

Candidate A /get health insurance for ALL poor and low-income Americans.....	46	[172]
Candidate B /improve the condition of Medicare for the elderly.....	47	
Neither/other (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	3	

- 10a. As you may know, several presidential candidates are making campaign finance reform a major part of their platform. How important is the issue of campaign finance reform to you--very important, fairly important, just somewhat important, or not that important?

Very important.....	31	[173]
Fairly important.....	19	
Just somewhat important.....	23	
Not that important.....	25	
Not sure.....	2	

- 10b. Suppose Congress passed campaign reform legislation. Some people say that campaign finance reform would have a positive effect on the political system, because it would reduce the influence that the wealthy and special interests have on elections. Other people say that campaign finance reform would have no effect on the political system, because the wealthy and special interests would always find loopholes in the law and continue to have just as much influence on elections. Which point of view do you agree with more? If you do not know or are not sure, please just say so.

	<u>1/00</u>	<u>7/97</u>	
Campaign finance reform would have a positive effect.....	40	31	[174]
Campaign finance reform would have no effect.....	49	58	
Don't know/not sure.....	11	11	

11. As you may know, the U.S. and China recently signed a trade agreement that would allow China's entry into the World Trade Organization, or W-T-O, the main international trading organization, in exchange for making Chinese markets more open and treating U.S. products the same as those from other countries. Do you think that Congress should or should not approve the trade agreement that would make this possible?

	<u>1/00**</u>	<u>12/99</u>	
Congress should approve trade agreement.....	51	50	[175]
Congress should NOT approve trade agreement....	35	38	
Depends (VOL).....	5	4	
Not sure.....	9	8	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 12a. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF NOT SURE, CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.") (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")

Strong Democrat.....	21		[176]
Not very strong Democrat.....	11	Skip to Q.14a	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	7		
Strictly independent.....	21	CONTINUE	
Independent/lean Republican.....	8		
Not very strong Republican.....	12	Skip to Q.13a	
Strong Republican.....	13		
Other.....	6	Skip to Q.15	
Not sure/nothing.....	1		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE STRICTLY INDEPENDENT IN Q.12a.)

- 12b. Thinking about the primary elections for president, do you intend to vote in the Democratic primary, the Republican primary, or are you planning to wait to vote in the general election?

Vote in the Democratic primary.....	13	Skip to Q.14a	[177]
Vote in the Republican primary.....	13	CONTINUE	
Wait until the general election.....	63		
Neither/other (VOL).....	6	Skip to Q.15	
Not sure.....	5		

(ASK ONLY OF REPUBLICANS IN Q.12a AND INDEPENDENTS WHO SAY THEY WILL VOTE IN THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY IN Q.12b.)

- 13a. Let me read you a list of people who might seek the Republican nomination for president in the year 2000. If you were voting today in the next Republican primary for president, which one of the following candidates would you vote for? (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean? [178]

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	1/00	1/00		12/99 ¹	10/99	9/99	7/99	6/99	4/99	3/99	1/99
George W. Bush.....	63	66		59	68	59	59	61	48	53	36
John McCain.....	15	13		18	15	7	3	4	6	2	5
Alan Keyes.....	7	6	CONTINUE	4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Steve Forbes.....	6	6		6	6	5	4	6	6	6	4
Gary Bauer.....	1	1		3	1	1	1	1	1	2	NA
Orrin Hatch.....	1	1		3	2	2	2	NA	NA	NA	NA
None/other (VOL).....	2	2	Skip to	2	2	2	3	3	5	4	2
Not sure.....	5	5	Q.13d	5	6	4	7	5	6	4	7

¹ Prior to January 2000, results shown reflect responses only among those who say they are Republicans.

NOTE: An "NA" indicates that the person was not included in the list of potential candidates for that particular survey.

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A CANDIDATE IN Q.13a.)

13b. Would you definitely vote for **(CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.13a)**, probably vote for **(CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.13a)** but are still thinking about it, or are you just leaning toward voting for **(CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.13a)**?

	<i>Bush Voters</i>		<i>McCain Voters</i>		
	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	
Definitely vote for candidate.....	53	50	56	36	[179]
Probably vote for candidate/still thinking about it....	30	28	22	32	
Just leaning toward voting for candidate.....	17	21	22	31	
Not sure.....	-	1	-	1	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE GEORGE W. BUSH IN Q.13a.)

13c. If John McCain began to win primaries and appeared to have a strong chance to win the Republican nomination, would you consider voting for him in your state's primary, or not?

Would consider voting for McCain.....	44	[180]
Would not consider voting for McCain....	39	
Depends (VOL).....	10	
Not sure.....	7	

(ASK ONLY OF REPUBLICANS IN Q.12a AND INDEPENDENTS WHO SAY THEY WILL VOTE IN THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY IN Q.12b.)

13d. All the presidential candidates agree on using MOST of the projected federal budget surplus to fund Social Security and Medicare. Given the following choices, which would you prefer:

(A) a candidate who wants to use most of the rest of the federal budget surplus to strengthen Social Security and Medicare, and use the remainder to provide a small tax cut,

OR

(B) a candidate who wants to use most of the rest of the federal budget surplus to provide an across-the-board tax cut for families and businesses, and use the remainder to further strengthen Social Security?

(A) use most of the surplus to strengthen Social Security and Medicare.....	52	[208]
(B) use most of the surplus to provide an across-the-board tax cut.....	40	
Neither/other (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	3	

(ASK ONLY OF REPUBLICANS IN Q.12a AND INDEPENDENTS WHO SAY THEY WILL VOTE IN THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY IN Q.12b.)

13e. Now I'd like you to compare George W. Bush, John McCain, and Steve Forbes on a few qualities that people might look for in a president. For each one, please tell me whether you think that George W. Bush, John McCain, or Steve Forbes would be better on that item. If you think that all of them would be equally good on a particular item, just say so.

	George W. Bush <u>Better</u>	John McCain <u>Better</u>	Steve Forbes <u>Better</u>	All Equally <u>Good</u>	None Would Be Good <u>(VOL)</u>	Not Sure	
Having the strong leadership qualities needed to be president.....	56	17	3	16	2	6	[209]
Having the right personal values and character to be president.....	47	16	9	20	2	6	[210]
Having the best policies and positions on the issues.....	49	14	9	12	2	14	[211]
Having enough experience to be president.....	57	20	2	10	4	7	[212]
Being effective in getting things done.....	54	13	11	11	1	10	[213]

(ASK ONLY OF DEMOCRATS IN Q.12a AND INDEPENDENTS WHO SAY THEY WILL VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.12b.)

14a. The candidates in the Democratic primary are Bill Bradley and Al Gore. For whom would you vote if the election were held today--Bill Bradley or Al Gore? **(IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean?**

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Bill Bradley.....	22	21	CONTINUE	32	29	32	24	17	23	20	[214]
Al Gore.....	64	66		54	53	53	60	65	62	65	
None/other (VOL).....	4	3	Skip to Q.14d	3	7	5	5	4	5	5	
Not sure.....	10	10		11	11	10	11	14	10	10	
				<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	
				13	12	12	14	13	11	9	
				45	49	51	45	47	52	56	
				6	7	4	NA	5	7	11	
				12	9	14	29	14	9	6	

¹ Prior to January 2000, results shown reflect responses only among those who say they are Democrats.

NOTE: An "NA" indicates that the person was not included in the list of potential candidates for that particular survey.

(ASK ONLY OF DEMOCRATS WHO CHOOSE A CANDIDATE IN Q.14a.)

14b. Would you definitely vote for **(CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.14a)**, probably vote for **(CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.14a)** but are still thinking about it, or are you just leaning toward voting for **(CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.14a)**?

	<u>Bradley Voters</u>		<u>Gore Voters</u>		
	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	
Definitely vote for candidate.....	51	34	55	44	[215]
Probably vote for candidate/still thinking about it....	26	29	25	28	
Just leaning toward voting for candidate.....	21	36	19	27	
Not sure.....	2	1	1	1	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE AL GORE IN Q.14a.)

14c. If Bill Bradley began to win primaries and appeared to have a strong chance to win the Democratic nomination, would you consider voting for him in your state's primary, or not?

Would consider voting for Bradley.....	42	[216]
Would not consider voting for Bradley...	47	
Depends (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	6	

(ASK ONLY OF DEMOCRATS IN Q.12a AND INDEPENDENTS WHO SAY THEY WILL VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.12b.)

14d. Now I'd like you to compare Al Gore with Bill Bradley on a few qualities that people might look for in a president. For each one, please tell me whether you think that Al Gore or Bill Bradley would be better on that item. If you think that both would be equally good on a particular item, just say so. Who do you think would be better when it comes to **(READ ITEM)**--Al Gore or Bill Bradley?

	Al Gore <u>Better</u>	Bill Bradley <u>Better</u>	Both Equally <u>Good</u>	Neither Be Good (VOL)	Not <u>Sure</u>	
Having the strong leadership qualities needed to be president.....	48	22	20	1	9	[217]
Having the right personal values and character to be president.....	41	19	30	1	9	[218]
Having the best policies and positions on the issues.....	49	17	19	1	14	[219]
Having enough experience to be president.....	69	9	13	2	7	[220]
Being effective in getting things done.....	49	19	17	2	13	[221]

Now I'm going to ask you a few questions about the next presidential election.

15. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate and George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	
Al Gore.....	44	39	39	35	37	36	35	[222]
George W. Bush.....	47	50	49	52	50	51	53	
Neither/other (VOL).....	3	5	5	6	5	4	5	
Not sure.....	6	6	7	7	8	9	7	
		<u>3/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>9/97</u>	
		34	40	40	39	41	45	
		52	50	48	49	44	39	
		4	5	5	5	5	8	
		10	5	7	7	10	8	

+ Asked only of registered voters

- 16a. If the next election for president were held today, and Bill Bradley were running as the Democratic candidate and George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	
Bill Bradley.....	39	39	39	37	31	[223]
George W. Bush.....	47	47	48	46	49	
Neither/other (VOL).....	4	4	4	5	5	
Not sure.....	10	10	9	12	15	

- 16b. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate and John McCain were the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	
Al Gore.....	46	40	43	45	[224]
John McCain.....	39	40	36	28	
Neither/other (VOL).....	5	6	7	9	
Not sure.....	10	14	14	18	

- 16c. If the next election for president were held today, and Bill Bradley were running as the Democratic candidate and John McCain were the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	
Bill Bradley.....	41	41	44	[225]
John McCain.....	36	35	25	
Neither/other (VOL).....	8	5	9	
Not sure.....	15	19	22	

- 16d. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate and Steve Forbes were the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote?

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Al Gore.....	51	49	[226]
Steve Forbes.....	30	31	
Neither/other (VOL).....	7	9	
Not sure.....	12	11	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 16e. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate, George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, and Pat Buchanan were the Reform Party candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	
Al Gore.....	43	38	38	34	[227]
George W. Bush.....	43	47	44	47	
Pat Buchanan.....	5	6	6	8	
None/other (VOL).....	3	4	5	5	
Not sure.....	6	5	7	6	

- 17a. Now I'm going to read some promises that candidates for president are making in this year's election campaign. Please tell me which ONE is the most appealing promise to you.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Will use government funds to provide health care for all Americans.....	26	[228-229]
Will use government funds to protect Social Security.....	20	
Will provide a comprehensive tax cut for all Americans.....	16	
Will stop abortions.....	10	
Will use government funds to protect Medicare.....	9	
Will continue the current economic policies.....	9	
Will reform campaign finance laws to reduce the influence of special interests.....	3	
All (VOL).....	4	
None/other (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	2	

- 17b. Let me read you those campaign promises again, and please tell me which ONE you think is the least likely to be fulfilled. *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Will stop abortions.....	37	[230-231]
Will reform campaign finance laws to reduce the influence of special interests.....	18	
Will provide a comprehensive tax cut for all Americans.....	16	
Will use government funds to provide health care for all Americans.....	11	
Will use government funds to protect Medicare.....	5	
Will use government funds to protect Social Security.....	5	
Will continue the current economic policies.....	2	
All (VOL).....	1	
None/other (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 17c. Which would you prefer in a presidential candidate--someone whose approach to the issues is more liberal than Bill Clinton's, more conservative than Bill Clinton's, or about the same as Bill Clinton's?

More liberal than Bill Clinton's.....	8	[232]
More conservative than Bill Clinton's...	37	
About the same as Bill Clinton's.....	50	
Not sure.....	5	

- 18a. Based on what you may have seen or heard over the past month about each of the following presidential candidates, do you feel more favorable or less favorable toward **(READ NAME)**, or has what you have seen or heard made little difference either way?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY MORE FAVORABLE

	More Favorable	Less Favorable	Little Difference Either Way	Not Sure	
John McCain.....	29	13	44	14	[235]
George W. Bush.....	29	24	42	5	[233]
Al Gore.....	28	23	44	5	[234]
Bill Bradley.....	25	14	50	11	[236]

- 18b. As you may know, Bill Bradley has a minor heart condition known as atrial fibrillation, which occasionally results in an irregular heartbeat, but can be controlled with medicine. Do you think Bill Bradley's condition raises concerns about his ability to serve as president? **

Yes, raises concern.....	23	[237]
No, does not raise concerns.....	74	
Not sure.....	3	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 19a. Let me read you a list of people who might seek the Reform Party nomination for president this year. Please tell me which ONE of the following candidates you would support for the Reform Party nomination. (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	1/00**	10/99	
Pat Buchanan.....	17	18	[238]
Ross Perot.....	17	15	
Jesse Ventura.....	16	18	
Donald Trump.....	10	8	
None/other (VOL).....	36	36	
Not sure.....	4	5	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 19b. Let me read you that same list of people who might seek the Reform Party nomination for president this year. Please tell me which of these candidates, if any, you would NOT support under any circumstance? (ACCEPT AS MANY RESPONSES AS APPLY.) **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Donald Trump.....	32	[239]
Pat Buchanan.....	23	>
Jesse Ventura.....	22	
Ross Perot.....	16	
None.....	15	
Other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure.....	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 19c. As you may know, the commission that sponsors presidential debates has said that the Reform Party candidates will not be able to participate in presidential debates with the Democratic and Republican candidates this fall unless they earn fifteen percent of the vote in national news polls preceding the debates. Do you think that Reform Party candidates should or should not have to meet this requirement to participate in presidential debates? *

Should have to meet requirement.....	41	[240]
Should not have to meet requirement.....	51	
Not sure.....	8	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 20a. Compared with past presidential elections, do you think that this year's presidential election campaign is generally more positive, more negative, or about the same? **

More positive.....	34	[241]
More negative.....	5	
About the same.....	58	
Not sure.....	3	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 20b. Do you think that the Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primaries do or do not have too much influence over who becomes the Democratic and Republican parties' presidential nominees? *

Do have too much influence.....	43	[242]
Do not have too much influence.....	42	
Not sure.....	15	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

21. Let me read you a list of people who were mentioned as potential candidates for president, but either dropped out of the race or never officially entered. Please tell me which ONE of these potential candidates you would most like to see in the race for president. If you wouldn't like to see any of these potential candidates in the race, please just say so. **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Elizabeth Dole.....	29	[243-244]
Jesse Jackson.....	9	
Jack Kemp.....	8	
Dan Quayle.....	7	
Richard Gephardt.....	5	
Warren Beatty.....	2	
Newt Gingrich.....	2	
Wouldn't like to see any in race.....	34	
Other (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	3	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 22a. In making appointments to the Supreme Court, how much emphasis should a president place on prospective justices' views on abortion--should this be the single-most important consideration, one of many considerations, or not a consideration at all? *

Should be the single-most important consideration....	8	[245]
Should be one of many considerations.....	61	
Should NOT be a consideration at all.....	28	
Depends (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 22b. Which of the following best represents your views about abortion--the choice on abortion should be left up to the woman and her doctor, abortion should be legal only in cases in which pregnancy results from rape or incest or when the life of the woman is at risk, or abortion should be illegal in all circumstances?

	<u>1/00</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>8/96</u>	<u>6/96+</u>	<u>5/96+</u>	<u>3/96</u>	
Abortion should be left up to the woman and her doctor	51	60	56	58	55	56	[246]
Abortion should be legal only in cases where pregnancy results from rape or incest, or when the life of the woman is at risk	36	26	30	31	35	31	
Abortion should be illegal in all circumstances	11	11	12	9	7	10	
Not sure	2	3	2	2	3	3	
		<u>12/95</u>	<u>7/91</u>	<u>6/91</u>	<u>7/90</u>		
		60	60	57	57		
		28	31	36	33		
		10	8	7	8		
		2	1	-	2		

+ Asked only of registered voters.

- 23a. Let me read you three statements about gay men and women serving in the military, and please tell me which one comes closest to your point of view.

(A) I favor allowing gay men and women to serve in the military.....	40	[247]
(B) I favor allowing gay men and women to serve in the military under the "don't ask, don't tell" policy.....	34	
(C) I oppose allowing gay men and women to serve in the military.....	22	
Not sure.....	4	

- 23b. If a presidential candidate were in favor of allowing openly gay men and women to serve in the military, would you feel more favorable toward that candidate, less favorable, or would it make little difference either way?

More favorable.....	15	[248]
Less favorable.....	31	
Would make little difference.....	51	
Depends (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	2	

- 24a. What is your overall reaction to the merger between America Online and Time Warner--would you say that your reaction is positive, neutral, or negative? *

Positive.....	20	[249]
Neutral.....	47	
Negative.....	22	
Not sure.....	11	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 24b. As you may know, a federal judge has ruled that Microsoft is a monopoly that has used its dominant position to harm competitors. There are reports that the Justice Department is proposing to break up Microsoft into more than one company as a remedy. Would you favor or oppose a proposal by the Justice Department to break up Microsoft into more than one company? **

Favor proposal to break up Microsoft.....	37	[250]
Oppose proposal to break up Microsoft....	46	
Not sure.....	17	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

25. As you may know, during a late-November escape attempt from Cuba to Florida, a six-year-old Cuban boy was rescued, but his mother drowned. The boy was brought to his relatives in the U.S. Cuban leader Fidel Castro and the boy's father, who still lives in Cuba, are demanding the boy's return to Cuba. Do you think that the U.S. government should or should not return the boy to his father in Cuba?

	<u>1/00*</u>	<u>12/99</u>	
U.S. government should return the boy.....	62	48	[251]
U.S. government should not return the boy....	24	37	
Not sure.....	14	15	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

26. As you may know, the Confederate flag currently flies over the state capitol in South Carolina. Let me read you two statements about this situation, and then get your reaction.

STATEMENT A: The Confederate flag should remain over the state capitol because it is a symbol of southern heritage and honors the lives of southerners who were killed in the Civil War.

OR

STATEMENT B: The Confederate flag should be removed from the state capitol because it is a symbol of racism and slavery, and is offensive to blacks. Which of these statements comes closer to your point of view? *

Statement A /flag should remain over state capitol..	41	[252]
Statement B /flag should be removed from state capitol.....	49	
Not sure.....	10	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

27. Do you think that presidential candidates should take a position on the Confederate flag issue, or not? *

Should take a position on the flag issue.....	30	[253]
Should NOT take a position on the flag issue.	64	
Not sure.....	6	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. How old are you? (IF REFUSED, ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	10	[254-255]
25-29.....	10	
30-34.....	9	
35-39.....	10	
40-44.....	12	
45-49.....	9	
50-54.....	9	
55-59.....	7	
60-64.....	6	
65-69.....	6	
70-74.....	5	
75 and over.....	5	
Refused.....	2	

F2. What is the last grade you completed in school?

Grade school.....	1	[256-257]
Some high school.....	6	
High school graduate.....	29	
Some college, no degree.....	20	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	9	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	19	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree...	9	
Doctoral/law degree.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F3. Are you currently employed?

(IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) What type of work do you do?

(IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional/ manager.....	23	[258-259]
White collar worker.....	20	
Blue collar worker.....	19	
Farmer, rancher.....	-	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	4	
Homemaker.....	7	
Retired.....	23	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	2	
Other.....	-	
Not sure.....	2	

F4. Thinking about the past few state and national elections in which you have voted, which best describes the candidates for whom you voted?

Almost all Republicans.....	10	[266]
Mostly Republicans, but a few Democrats.....	20	
A few more Republicans than Democrats.....	6	
The same number of Republicans and Democrats.....	14	
A few more Democrats than Republicans.....	5	
Mostly Democrats, but a few Republicans.....	18	
Almost all Democrats.....	16	
Not sure.....	11	

F5. In politics today, do you generally consider yourself to be very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, very conservative, or do you think that your views cannot really be described in those terms?

Very liberal.....	8	[267]
Somewhat liberal.....	19	
Moderate.....	27	
Somewhat conservative.....	23	
Very conservative.....	11	
Views cannot be described in those terms.....	9	
Not sure.....	3	

F6. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district in which you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Registered.....	84	[268]
Not registered.....	13	
Not sure.....	3	

F7. Are you currently single and never married, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single.....	23	[269]
Married.....	55	
Separated.....	2	
Widowed.....	7	
Divorced.....	11	
Other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F8. Do you have any children under age 18 currently living in your household?

Yes, kids under 18 in household.....	35	[270]
No, no kids under 18 in household.....	63	
Not sure.....	2	

F9. In what religion were you brought up?

Protestant.....	48	CONTINUE	[271]
Catholic.....	30		
Jewish.....	2	Skip To	
Other.....	12	Q.F10	
None.....	5		
Not sure/refused.....	3		

(ASK ONLY OF PROTESTANTS IN Q.F9.)

F10.. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical.....	16	[272]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	27	
Not sure.....	5	
Non-Protestants (Q.F9).....	52	

F11. Are you a member of a labor union? **(IF "NO," ASK:)** Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?

Labor union member.....	11	[273]
Labor union household.....	5	
Nonunion household.....	81	
Not sure.....	3	

F12. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? **(IF "NO," ASK:)** What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

Hispanic.....	6	[274]
White.....	76	
Black.....	10	
Asian.....	2	
Other.....	3	
Not sure/refused.....	3	

- F13. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$10,000, between \$10,000 and \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$40,000, between \$40,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, between \$75,000 and \$100,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	5	[275]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	8	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	12	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	12	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	11	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	16	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	8	
More than \$100,000.....	9	
Not sure/refused.....	19	